



# Town of Wenham

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectmen  
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator  
RE: Town Administrator's Report  
DATE: February 2, 2016

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### Personnel

After conducting interviews with the Board of Assessors last week, Steven Ozahowski has been hired as the part-time Assessor. Steve will work 20 hours/week, with a starting salary of \$33.00/hour. This figure is slightly below the midpoint for this position on the non-union wage and compensation table (\$30-\$37.50/hour range for Grade 6) and fits within the FY17 budget of \$35,235 for this line item. Steve has been a principal at Robert D. Murphy Associates, a full service real estate appraisal and consulting company in Beverly, for over 25 years. He has also served for 15 years on the Hamilton Board of Assessors. As has been our goal throughout this process, Steve Ozahowski will be available to begin working with our retiring Assessor, Steve Gasperoni, within the next week or so.

We have also hired a new part-time Assistant Health Agent, Roberta Cody, who will conduct all food, recreational, and housing inspections for the Board of Health. This is a part-time, stipended position with an annual salary of \$2,448. Roberta has extensive experience in this field, currently providing some level of public health inspectional services to the cities of Salem and Peabody and the towns of Essex, Hamilton, Manchester, and Marblehead, and having previously worked in similar capacities in Topsfield and Boxford.

### Structural Fire: 21 Longfellow Road

I want to commend Chief Blanchard and the entire Fire Department for their response to a house fire on Longfellow Road on Saturday night this past weekend. I also want to thank our neighboring communities of Topsfield, Manchester, Hamilton, and Danvers for providing the mutual aid support that is required to deal with an incident of this scale. Thanks to their collective work and some cooperation from the weather, all other structures in the neighborhood were spared from further significant damage. Several friends of the Longfellow Road resident impacted by the fire have started a gofundme site for him - [www.gofundme.com/z7mkqtr6](http://www.gofundme.com/z7mkqtr6). The Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club is also considering providing some additional support since all of the resident's belongings were lost in the fire.